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Thanks

- ... To those parents who supported our team at the Zone Swimming Sports on Thursday.
- .. Those providing transport and supervision for next week's senior camp.
- .. Parents and children who attended Three Way Conferences this week.

People of the week

- .. Well done to Max who won a silver medal for 50 metres freestyle and bronze for 25m at last weekends Rising Stars Carnival at Kawakawa. Their relay team, including Caleb, also won silver.
 - .. The parents relay team also took home a silver. Well done Jo & Derek Brunker and John Sapwell.
 - Max and Campbell who won the Plate Competition and Liam & James who came Runner Up Overall in the Tennis Doubles Tournament held last week. Well done guys.
 - .. Mr Delemare and his team for many hours of thorough preparation for next week's senior camp. Mr D's camps are legendary in no small part because of the thorough preparation that goes in beforehand.
 - .. Rose who can put her head under the water now with the greatest of ease. Mr T is very proud of you Rose!
- Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Trail Ride 2011
Sunday 3rd April 2011

Mark your calendars for the annual Matarau School Trail Ride, Sunday 3rd April, Lovell Rd, Ruatangata. We will be issuing raffle tickets in the next week or so to help cover costs. If you do not wish to receive a book to sell, please contact the office otherwise each family will be issued a book to sell. If you are able to help with this, please contact Alistair Rickey on 4355509 or Stephen Martin 4335061.



Major
School Fundraiser

Middle & Senior Duathlon

Well done to those children who participated in the individual and/or team events, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday with the resulting placings:

<i>Individual Event</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>4th Place</i>
Intermediate Boys	Brad	Jordan Dwight	Oliver	Reuben
Intermediate Girls	Natasha	Jemimah Jongkind	Michelle	Sarah
Senior Boys	Scott	Euan Sapwell	Brady	Jesse
Senior Girls	Tyler	Monika	Georgia	

<i>Team Event</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>4th Place</i>
Intermediate	Brad Campbell , Seth	Drae Harrison Flynn	Jared Calum Max	Michelle Tegan Natasha
Senior	Liam Brady Euan	Hayden Scott James	Georgia, Tyler Emily	Connor James Ty

Pool Keys

If you have a key from the 2010 season, and have received an invoice for the 2011 season, please pay or return your key this coming Monday.

Important notice to parents of year 7 and 8 students

If you did not get a vaccination form these are available from the school office. Our public health nurse, Philippa Butturini, can be contacted on 0212445407 or 4338255 with any questions.

Interschool Swimming Sports (15.3)

.. are scheduled for Tuesday 15 March. Children are entered on the basis of their performance at the Zone Swimming Sports. Consents were issued today - **please return these urgently.**

School Swimming Sports - 17.3

Our School Swimming Sports takes place Thursday 17 March and so you might like to pencil this in to your diaries.

Events run most of the day culminating in a junior demonstration, relays and acknowledgements at the end of the day. You, and extended family, are invited to share this day with us - more details to follow.

The day will roughly unfold as follows (but to be confirmed next week) ..

10:00 Interval

10:30 Freestyle races

11:25 Backstroke races

12:15 Breaststroke races

12:50 Lunch

1:30 Junior Display

2:10 Relays

2:40 Wrap up / announcements / acknowledgements

Please note these are approximate times. Drinks and sausages will be on sale as part of senior fundraising. Scotty would still love to hear from someone able to help with the sausage sizzle.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent home last week to those children who participated last year, and those who expressed interest in participating this year. If you did not receive a consent form and would like one, please contact the school office next week. Consents are due back at school by Friday 18 March. Teachers are more than happy to discuss your child's potential involvement with you.

International Schools Maths Competition – Year 8 Students

Parents of year 8 students are reminded that these students will all be required to sit the Mathematics Exam as part of their senior programme and that the cost of this exam will be met by the school. Year 8 students sitting the English exam will, however, be required to pay the \$7.50 entrance fee for the English Exam.

Three Way Conferences

Thanks again to those who attended conferences this week. If you were unable to make these times and you would like to meet with your child(ren's) teacher(s) please phone for an appointment. We ask for your support in giving the Learner Journey targets a high priority. Ask your child from time to time how they are getting on and don't forget to work on your home support actions. At mid-year we will evaluate how much progress is being made and modify targets / approaches if necessary. Remember that at mid-year you will also receive a numeric data report providing you with the most up to date achievement information across a variety of National Standard (and Non-national standard) assessments.

Indicator Reports

Parents are encouraged to use the Indicator Reports as a point of reference throughout the year. These reports indicate areas your child needs to work on to attain competency in reading, writing, and mathematics at their level of the school. As such they could constitute a very useful checklist. Teachers have more complete lists which they are happy to share with you on request.

Consents for various events

Some staff have had difficulty recently collecting consents for forthcoming excursions or sporting events. We get these out as early as we can but usually need a response within a week (or sometimes within days). Delays can cost us a lot of time spent tracking these forms as well as deny other children the opportunity to attend / participate if your child will not be attending. Please get all consents back to school as soon as possible. The general newsletter usually advises when an event is coming up and sometimes even when consents will be issued and so you will know when to ask your children for these. Your help with this would be very much appreciated and will save organising teachers so much time. A special thanks to parents who so willingly give their time to assist with these events.

Bus Children – High Visibility Vests

We have noticed that the number of bus children wearing their high visibility vests this year has dropped markedly on last year. These vests are a significant step we can all take to raise the level of safety of those children while walking to and from (or waiting at) bus stops. Please ensure your child has their vest on before they head off in the morning, and we will try our best to ensure they put it on at the end of the day.

Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be located outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30-3:30 Tuesday 15 March. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers are welcome.

School Phone

Please use the options now when phoning in as this greatly helps the workload of office staff. We assure you the answer phones are checked in a timely fashion.

School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee

Thanks to those who have made early payment. If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.

Special Needs Programme

Mrs Comrie's programmes are now up and running. Please ensure consent forms have been returned to school and note that parent support with homework is anticipated. Mrs Comrie is available by appointment to discuss your child's placement and progress and is happy to have parents sit in on lessons.

Punctuality

We request that children are at school at least 10-15 minutes before the morning bell to give them time to settle, connect with their teacher, and prepare for the day ahead.

PMP

We would really appreciate further offers to assist with this important programme. If able to help please give Mrs Robertson a call. PMP takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon - even if you can help on one of these afternoons it enables us to give existing parent helpers the occasional break.

School Hats

It has been noted that some parents are regularly having to replace their children's sun hats. Please check the names on your children's hats and ask them to return to their rightful owner where necessary. Thanks.

Reminder - ASB School Banking

Please remind your children to ensure they drop their banking into the elephant in the Reception area as this is cleared weekly.

Senior School Raffle

The Raffle was drawn this week, with the following winners:

Hair Straightners from Xtreme Shampoo Shop & Salon	Kathleen Martin
Rebel Sports Voucher worth \$100	S Martin
2 Food Hampers	Kiri Finlayson and Amber Burnett

Headlice Checks

.. a gentle reminder to check your child(ren)'s hair weekly and to respond promptly in the event of infestation.

Community Notices

For Rent - 2 bedroom cottage & sleepout in Ruatangata. Completely redecorated \$220pw including power and lawns. Can be part furnished. Ph Jenny 4355336.

For Sale - Round hay bales, \$70 each, Phone Dave 021731223

Wanted - Old jars with metal lids (eg Craig's jam jars) ph Kym 4335701.

Cleaner Available - Reasonable rates, phone Pamela 4335032

Kamo JMB Rugby Registration & Weigh In - Thursday March 19, Kamo Clubrooms, Butler St, Kamo (Bring old boots to sell or swap).

Zumba at Matarau School Gym, each Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm. add spice to your exercise and limber up with global exotic rhythms while strengthening and toning all without moaning...\$10/casual visit or \$80/10 concession card. Summer challenge is on. Visit <http://68403.zumba.com> or ph Annette Brown 0275505000 for more info.

NZ Badminton Academy - Have a Go Day, March 5th, 10-4pm, free, fun competitions and prizes. Visit Ritchie@nzba.net.nz.

Junior Tiger Golf Championship - Waipu Golf club, 11am tee off 27th March. Register online now at www.juniortiger.co.nz. The winner will represent NZ at the World Junior Golf Champs in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member.

Allens Northland Kids Triathlon - Sunday March 13, Onerahi. Entries close March 4, \$15 + race pack worth \$50 of cool stuff. Enter online at allens.co.nz (follow links) or phone any allens office for an entry form.

Cancer Society Northland Relay for Life - Last call for team entries, Held March 19-20th. Lots of fund for all ages and fitness levels. Visit www.relayforlife.org.nz or call 09 4375593. Entries close March 1st.

Federated Farmers Farm Day - Interactive family event. Experience sights and smells of a working farm. Safe & tactile experience for people of all ages, Sunday 13 March (10am-3pm) For more info contact Matthew Long on 094343370 or email matty.j.long@extra.co.nz.

Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (**Now Tuesday**, Wednesday & Thursday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email killalea@ihug.co.nz

School Newsletter

Due to an unforeseen computer change, we have unfortunately lost our email contacts. If you would like to receive the school newsletter by email please email us on admin@matarau.school.nz or contact the office.

Virtues 2011

This year our focus virtue is BEING VALUED. The children will all participate in defining what it means to be valued and what it looks like when we value others. This year we thought we would invite parents to help us decide on our six supporting virtues (2 for each of terms 2 to 4).

If you would like to especially see us focus on any of the following please email Mr Trehwella at principal@matarau.school.nz and he will tally your responses. Your options are as follows ..

Compassion, Courtesy, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, Helpfulness, Justice, Kindness, Loyalty, Respect, Tact, Trustworthiness, Truthfulness.

We will need to hear from you by 25 March - our 2011 supporting virtues will be announced soon after.

Finally

A special thanks to children, parents and staff for input into this week's Three Way Conferences. Although the concept of children contributing to their own learning goals is a relatively new one, it is a powerful way to make learning relevant to children and as a motivator to self-management and personal responsibility.

This year children will often look back at these goals, evaluate their journey to that point, and plan their next steps. We plan to share appropriate data with them in ways that further inform the learning process. Naturally children will work on many other goals across a broad range of areas, but it is reassuring to have you especially on board for a small, but important, part of their learning journey.

Final Final Thought

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matthew 7:12

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Filled Rolls now available as well as the hot pies and sausage rolls. Orders need to be at the office by Wednesday to receive a lunch on Friday. This is a fundraising venture for the school and any profit is directed towards the children of the school. Any queries please call the office.

Sausage Roll, Mince Pie, Big Daddy with Drink \$4.00 Ham/Salad Rolls with Drink \$4.50
NEW!!!! Ham Sandwich/roll - no salad with Drink \$3.50

Mr D, scores a coup for the school
with the recent visit of the Warriors

